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EABJ: LIBERIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA

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1. UNDERSTAND EMBASSY MONROVIA'S RELUCTANCE TO GET INVOLVED IN WHAT MAY WELL BE UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO HEAD OFF GOL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. HOWEVER, EMBASSY DOES BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD AT LEAST MAKE LOW-KEY APPROACH SUPPORTING ROK EFFORT TO HAVE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS DEFERRED.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, ROK CONCERN IS THAT ITS FRIENDS WILL MOVE QUICKLY TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREANS WHILE AT SAME TIME THERE HAS BEEN NO EQUIVALENT RECIPROCAL GESTURE ON PART OF DPRK'S SUPPORTERS. WHILE ROK WOULD ALLOW ITS AMBASSADOR TO REMAIN EVEN IF RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA WERE ESTABLISHED, ROKG HOPE IS THAT GOL WILL DELAY ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS UNTIL GOAL OF RECIPROCITY IS REALIZED.

3. WE HAVE ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS INDICATED TO ROKG THAT WE WOULD REQUEST FRIENDLY NATIONS NOT TO GO TOO FAST IN CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREA AND WOULD TRY TO GET THEM TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TAKE SIMILAR STEP IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH ROK. BELIEVE WE SHOULD AT LEAST MAKE THIS POINT TO GOL.

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